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MINUTES OF SYNOD.

SESSION I.

At Kingston, and within the Brock-street Church there, the fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one years, the which day the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada met, according to appointment; and after Sermon, by the Rev. WILLIAM REID, A. M., *Moderator,* from the first book of Samuel, fourth chapter and tenth verse,—was constituted for business.

The Synod Roll was made up, as follows:—

[*The names of Members who were Present are marked with an asterisk.*]

PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Daniel Eastman		*Grimsby.*
George Cheyne	George Young	*Saltfleet and Binbrook.*
Robert Lindsay		*Ayr.*
Mark Y. Stark	William Miller	*Dundas and Ancaster.*
*John Bayne		*Galt.*
George Smellie		*Fergus.*
William Meldrum		*Puslinch.*
*George Paxton Young	*John Fisher	*Hamilton.*
Alexander McLean	William Wilson	*Wellington Square.*
*John G. McGregor		*Guelph.*
John McKinnon		*Sydenham.*
*Andrew Wilson		*Simcoe, Port Dover, &c.*
Vacant	*George Blain	*Niagara.*
		Caledonia.
		Woolwich.
		Thorold.
		Dunnville and Wellandport.
		Walpole.
		Owen Sound Settlement.
		Nairn Church, Flamboro' W.

M. Y. STARK, Dundas, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*Robert Burns, D. D.	Donald Elder	*Knox's Church, Toronto.*
Duncan McMillan	*George Brown	*Caledon and Erin.*
Thomas Lowry	William Cross	*Barrie and Innisfil.*
*Thomas Wightman	*Andrew Telfer	*York Mills and Scarboro'.*
Andrew T. Holmes	*John McMurrich	*Chinguacousy & Toronto Tp.*
*James Boyd	John Walker	*Markham.*
*James Nisbet	*David Duff	*Oakville and Dundas-street.*
*Robert Ure	*Wm. Leslie	*Streetsville.*
*John Gray	*James Shaw	*Oro, Orillia and Medonte.*
		Union and Norval.
	*John Burns	*Acton and Boston.*
		Nassagaweya.
	Samuel Irwin	*Vaughan and King.*
	D. G. McKay	*West Gwillimbury.*
	*Archibald Gillies	*Thorah and Eldon.*
	*Peter Leask	*Brock, Reach and Scott.*
	*William Heron	*Whitby.*
		Mono and Essa.
		Euphrasia and St. Vincent.
		Humber.

MINISTERS WITHOUT CHARGE:

*Michael Willis, D.D., Professor of Theology in Knox's College.
*Henry Esson, A. M., Professor of Moral Philosophy.
James Harris.
*Alexander Gale, Principal of Toronto Academy.

THOMAS WIGHTMAN, York Mills, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF COBOURG.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*James Douglas	Robert Turnbull	*Cavan.*
*Donald McLeod	*David Brodie	*Cobourg.*
*John M. Roger	*William McGregor	*Peterboro'.*
*John W. Smith	*Donald McRae	*Grafton and Colborne.*
*William J. Mackenzie	Asaph Stewart	*Baltimore and Cold-springs.*
[Francis Andrews	James Fife	*Otanabee.*

JOHN W. SMITH, Haldimand, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*Henry Gordon	*Hon. John McDonald.	*Gananoque.*
*James Rogers	Jonathan Green	*Demorestville.*
*William Reid, A.M.	*John English	*Picton.*
*William Gregg	*Joseph Keith	*Belleville.*
*Robert F. Burns	*John R. Dickson, M.D.	*Kingston, Chalmers' Church*
Robert Reid	*James Gibson	*Do Brock-st. do*
*Andrew Hudson	William Campbell	*Huntingdon & Tyendinaga.*

WILLIAM GREGG, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF BROCKVILLE.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*William Smart	John McNish	*Brockville.*
*Robert Boyd	*William Quart	*Prescott.*
*James Geggie	John Miller	*Spencerville.*
William J. McDowell	Joseph Clark	*South Gower.*
*John McMurray	*James Breakenridge	*Brockville.*
Jas. Cairns, Ord. Missionary		

JAMES GEGGIE, Spencerville, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF PERTH.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*John Corbett		*Wakefield.*
*William Lochead		*Osgoode and Gloucester.*
*Thomas Wardrope	*John Durie	*Bytown.*
*Simon C. Fraser, A.M.		*McNab and Horton.*
*James B Duncan	*Ralph Smith	*Perth.*
*Peter Gray	*Neil Stewart	*Beckwith.*
*Andrew Melville		*Pembroke.*
*John Gourlay	*Robert Kennedy	*Goulbourn and Nepean.*
		Ramsay.
		Bristol and Clarendon.
		Dalhousie.

PETER GRAY, Beckwith, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
*William Rintoul, A.M.	*Philip Maclagan, M.D.	*Montreal, St. Gabriel-street.*
*Daniel Clark		*Indian Lands.*
*David Black	John Hettrick	*St. Therèse de Blainville.*
*Thomas Henry		*Lachute.*
Vacant	*John Redpath	*Montreal, Coté-street.*
*James Charles Quin		*Cornwall and Osnabruck.*
Rob't Swinton, *Ord. Miss*		*Leeds and St. Sylvester.*
*Alex. Cameron, do do		*Vankleek-hill and Lochiel.*
*Daniel Gordon do do		*Lingwick.*
		Martintown.
		Inverness.
		St. John's Church, Quebec.
		Melbourne.
		North Georgetown.
		English River & Beachridge
		Portneuf.
		St. Eustache & Grand Fren-
		Henryville. [ière,
		Rawdon.
		La Guerre.

DAVID BLACK, Ste. Therèse de Blainville, *Presbytery Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Donald Mackenzie	*William Mackenzie	*Zorra.*
William Macalister		*Port Sarnia.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.—(*Continued.*)

MINISTERS.	ELDERS.	CONGREGATIONS.
Daniel Allan.....	.....	*North Easthope.*
Thomas McPherson.....	Matthew Neilson	*Stratford.*
William Graham	Hugh Craig	*Tuckersmith.*
Robert Wallace	.....	*Ingersoll.*
Angus McColl	*Donald McLellan.....	*Chatham.*
John Fraser	John McGregor.....	*St. Thomas.*
William R. Sutherland.....	James Allan	*Ekfrid and Mosa.*
Lachlan McPherson.....	James Bremner.....	*Williams & Lobo.*
*William S. Ball.....	Arch'd. J. Thompson.	*Woodstock.*
*John Scott.....	Wm. Clark	*London.*
*William King, *Ord. Miss.*.	.....	*Buxton.*
	George Gunn.....	*Woodstock (Gaelic.)*
	Angus McKay	*Aldboro'.*
	George Walker.....	*London Road.*

WILLIAM S. BALL, Woodstock, *Clerk pro tem.*

KINGSTON, *Wednesday 4th June*, 1851.

On motion made and seconded, Mr. Robert Boyd, A. M., Minister at Prescott, was unanimously elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the thanks of the Synod be given to Mr. Reid, for his excellent discourse, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication. Thanks were tendered accordingly, and Mr. Reid acceded to the request of the Synod.

The Synod appointed the following Committee on Bills and Overtures, viz:

The Moderator, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Roger, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Smith, Mr. Reid, Mr. Gregg, Mr. R. F. Burns, Mr. Young, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Scott, Mr. Ure, Mr. Wardrope, Ministers; and Mr. Fisher, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Ralph Smith, Mr. Kennedy and Dr. Dickson, Elders.

The following members were appointed a Committee for arranging the hours for the business of the Synod, and the mode of conducting the business:

Dr. Willis, Convener, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Gale, Mr. Reid, Ministers; and Mr. Fisher and Dr. Dickson, Elders.

The Synod appointed the following Committees for revising the Records of Presbyteries, with instructions to report on Monday, viz:

On the Record of the Presbytery of Hamilton: Mr. Wightman, Mr. Wardrope, and Mr. McMurray, Ministers; and Mr. R. Smith, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Toronto: Mr. R. F. Burns, Mr. McLeod and Mr. Smith, Ministers; and Mr. Brodie, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Cobourg: Mr. McGregor, Mr. Ball, and Mr. Ure, Ministers; and Mr. Duff, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Kingston: Mr. Bayne, Mr. Lochead, and Mr. Corbet, Ministers; and Mr. McRae, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Brockville: Dr. Burns, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Young, Ministers; and Dr. Dickson, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Perth: Mr. Roger, Mr. Reid and Mr. Wilson, Ministers; and Mr. McGregor, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of Montreal: Dr. Willis, Mr. Geggie and Mr. Scott, Ministers; and Mr. McLellan, Elder.

On the Record of the Presbytery of London: Mr. Gregg, Mr. Duncan and Mr. James Boyd, Ministers; and Mr. Smith, Elder.

The first named Minister in each Committee to be Convener.

The Synod appointed the following Committee for revising the Records of the Synod and Commission, viz:

Dr. Burns, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Young, Mr. Lochead, Mr. Gregg, Ministers; and Mr. Smith, Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Gibson, Elders.

Leave was granted to Presbyteries to meet during the present sessions of Synod for any competent business.

The Synod adjourned, to meet at 7 o'clock P. M. for devotional exercises, and the diet was closed with prayer.

SESSION II.

KINGSTON, *Wednesday evening, 7 o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met for devotional exercises, which were conducted by the Moderator, Dr. Burns and Mr. Rintoul.

Thereafter the Synod was constituted for business.

Dr. Willis in behalf of the Committee for arranging the hours for the meetings of Synod, and the mode of conducting the business, gave in a Report.

The Synod sustained and adopted the same, and, in conformity therewith, agreed that the Synod do ordinarily meet for business at half-past 9, A.M., and continue in session until 1; the afternoon to be devoted to the business of Committees, private Conferences of the Synod and meetings of Presbyteries, and the evenings to be devoted to the regular business of the Synod, beginning at half-past 1, P. M. The forenoon session as heretofore, to be commenced with reading the Scriptures and prayer, in addition to the prayer by the Moderator.

The Synod further agreed that the usual rules for the orderly conduct of business should be attended to.

Mr. Rintoul having tendered his resignation of the office of Clerk of Synod, the same was accepted; and, on motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to express to Mr. Rintoul the high sense entertained by the Synod of the very efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of this office.

This was accordingly done by the Moderator.

After deliberation in regard to the best mode of conducting the business of the Clerk's department, it was agreed to appoint the following Committee, viz:

Mr. Rintoul, Convener, Dr. Burns, Mr. Gale, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Roger, Mr. Wardrope and Mr. McMurray, Ministers; and Mr. Fisher, Mr. McLellan and Dr. Dickson, Elders, with instructions to consider the matter and report to-morrow.

The Synod requested Mr. Rintoul to act as interim Clerk.

The Synod, with the view of permitting the Committee on Bills and Overtures to meet at half-past 9, agreed to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and the session was closed with the blessing.

SESSION III.

KINGSTON, *Thursday, June 5th*, 1851,
10 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met according to adjournment, and after devotional exercises, was constituted for business.

The Roll was called and the names of members present marked.

The minutes of the former session were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a Report, which was read and sustained.

Application was made to the Synod by the Presbytery of Hamilton, for leave to take on trials for license, Mr. John Alexander, Student of Divinity. The Synod granted leave.

On similar applications being made, the Synod granted leave to the Presbytery of Cobourg to take on trials for license Messrs. John Smith and John McIlfatrick; to the Presbytery of London, to take on trials, Mr. Duncan McRuar; to the Presbytery of Toronto, to take on trials, Messrs. J. Chesnut and Donald Fraser, A.M., and the Presbytery of Montreal, to take on trials, Mr. D. McDiarmid.

The Synod called for the Report of the College Committee. The same was given in by Dr. Willis, and read.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the Report be received and approved of.

Mr. Burns gave in the accounts of the College Boarding House. It was agreed to refer them to the Finance Committee.

The Synod appointed as a Committee on Finance, Mr. Shaw, Convener, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Brodie and Mr. Durie, with instructions to report on the state of the Funds of all the schemes of the Church for the past year, and to report also the congregations that have failed to contribute to the College, or any of the other schemes of the Church for three years past, or such other period as they may see fit.

The Synod called for the Report of the Presbytery of Toronto on the draft of a Bill for the Incorporation of Knox's College. Dr. Burns on behalf of the Presbytery, reported that they had transmitted a draft to the several Presbyteries of the Church requesting their observations on the same, and that they had received no Reports except from the Presbyteries of Hamilton and Montreal.

The Synod agreed to enter on the consideration of the draft, when the same was read. Thereafter the Synod proceeded to consider it clause by clause.

The Preamble, referring to the Establishment of Knox's College and the necessity of its being incorporated, was agreed to.

Clause 1st, incorporating such parties as the Synod may name as the President and Council of Knox's College, and restricting the annual income above all charges of management to £5,000, was agreed to.

Clause 2nd, which enacts that the Professors shall be appointed by the Synod, or by any body to which they may delegate the power, and that the Professors shall hold their offices *ad vitam aut culpam*, was agreed to with this alteration, viz: that the words "or by any body to which they may delegate the power of appointment," shall be omitted, and also with the proviso that in the event of a vacancy occurring, the College Council may make what provision they deem best for the instruction of the Students, until the meeting of Synod.

Thereafter the Synod adjourned, and the diet was closed with the blessing.

SESSION IV.

KINGSTON, *Thursday, 5th June*, 1851,
7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, and was constituted.

The Minutes of last session were read and sustained.

Several members not previously present took their places, and their names were marked.

Mr. Rintoul gave in a Report on the Clerkship, which was read and sustained, and in terms thereof the Synod appointed Mr. William Reid, Minister at Picton, and Mr. John Burns, Conjunct Clerks of Synod; Mr. Reid to be specially charged with keeping the Minutes of Synod and Commission, and Mr. Burns with conducting the business of the Synod and engrossing the minutes; Mr Burns' services in this department to be taken as part of his agency work, and the salary of Mr. Reid to be £20 per annum.

Mr. Reid and Mr. Burns declared their acceptance of the office, and solemnly engaged to be faithful in the discharge of the duties devolved upon them.

The Synod resumed consideration of the draft of the Bill for the Incorporation of Knox's College. Clauses third and fourth, enacting the establishment of a College Council, and defining the powers and duties of the Council, were read. After lengthened discussion it was agreed to postpone the further consideration of them until to-morrow.

The Synod then called for the Report of the Home Mission Committee, which was given in by Mr. Gale, Convener of the Committee, and read.

On motion made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the Report be received and approved—that the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to Mr. Gale, the Convener, for the great attention which he, amidst many other public calls on his time and labour, has bestowed on this most important department of the Synod's exertions, and in regard to the recommendations of the Committee, that the Synod adopt the same, and instruct the Committee to be appointed to use their best exertions in carrying them out; that the Committee be also instructed to print in the *Record*, or in such other form as they shall see fit, the Report, or portions of the same, for the information of the members of the Church generally.

The Home Mission Committee of Synod was appointed as follows, viz:

The Moderator, Mr. Young, Mr. Cheyne, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Ure, Mr. Lowry, Mr. J. M. Roger, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Smith, Mr. Gregg, Mr. R. F. Burns, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Gray, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Black, Mr. Donald McKenzie, Mr. Scott, Ministers; and Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Brodie, Dr. Dickson, Mr. R. Smith, Dr. Edmondson. Dr. Maclagan, Mr. Redpath, Mr. McLellan, Elders; Mr. Gale, Convener.

The Synod agreed to recommend to the immediate attention of the Home Mission Committee, the portion of the Report having reference to the Red River Settlement, with the view of sending forthwith a Missionary to explore that interesting region.

The Synod then took up an overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton on the subject of the salaries of Missionaries and Catechists. The Synod agreed to sustain the overture, and remit to the Home Mission Committee to fix uniform salaries.

The Synod appointed the following Committee on the Statistical Returns, viz:

Mr. Gregg, Mr. Gray, Mr. Ure, Ministers; and Mr. Durie and Mr. McLellan, Elders.

The Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow, at half-past 9, A. M., and the session was closed with prayer.

SESSION V.

KINGSTON, *Friday 6th June*, 1851,
half-past 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met, and after the usual devotional exercises, was constituted for business.

Several members not previously present appeared and took their seats.

The minutes of last session were read and sustained.

Mr. Greer, an ordained Missionary, was invited to sit with the Synod.

The Synod then took up an application from the Presbytery of Toronto in regard to Mr. McLachlan, formerly a Minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, who had applied to be received as a Minister of this Church. Extracts from the Record of the Presbytery were read.

Whereupon the Synod, considering that the course prescribed by the rules of the Church had been substantially followed, unanimously agreed to dispense with Mr. McLachlan's preaching before the Synod, and to grant permission to the Presbytery of Toronto to receive him as a Minister of the Church.

The Report on the Widows' Fund Scheme, was given in and read by John Burns, Esq., on behalf of the Committee, when it was moved by Dr. Burns, seconded by the Hon. John McDonald, Elder for Gananoque, and agreed, that,

The Synod having heard the Report of the Committee on a Widows' Fund, and thereafter the statements made by Mr. Fisher, one of the members of the Committee, express their cordial satisfaction in the movements of the Committee, and return them grateful thanks for the attention they have paid to this matter; approve of the object and general principle of the scheme as submitted, and particularly of the proposal to raise a sum of not less than £2,000 as the foundation of the scheme; re-appoint the Committee with a few additions from the different districts of the Church; instruct them to meet forthwith and draw up and print a statement of the plan, for the information of the Presbyteries and the public, in the view of active measures being taken without delay; and recommend that on the special report of the Committee being brought before the Synod on an early day, a subscription be commenced among the members of Synod in aid of the proposed fund; recommend also the modification of the plan so as to embrace fatherless children as well as widows.

The Committee for the ensuing year was appointed as follows, viz:

Mr. Gale, Mr. Young, Mr. Smellie, Mr. Cheyne, Mr. McLean, Ministers; and Mr. Fisher, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Elmslie, Mr. Walker, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Blain, Mr. Ferrier, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Burns, Mr. Brodie, Mr. Durie, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Morgan, Honorable John McDonald, Mr. P. S. Stevenson and Mr. Murray; Mr. Fisher to be Convener.

The Synod then took up a Reference from the Presbytery of Montreal, in regard to the case of Mr. Stark, who had applied for admission as a Probationer of this Church.

It was agreed to refer the case to a Committee, consisting of Dr. Burns, Convener, Dr. Willis, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Gregg, Ministers; and Mr. Blain and Honorable John McDonald, Elders, together with the members of the Presbytery of Montreal.

The Synod adjourned to meet at 3, P. M., to hold conference on the Standards, and the diet was closed with the blessing.

SESSION VI.

KINGSTON, *Friday, 6th June*, 1851,
3 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met and was constituted, and proceeded to hold a conference on the subject of the Standards.

After a lengthened conference the Synod adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M. Closed with prayer.

SESSION VII.

KINGSTON, *Friday, 6th June*, 1850,
7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted.

The Minutes of last session, and also of the morning session, were read and sustained.

The Synod called for the report of the Committee on the Standards. Dr. Willis stated that although he, as Convener of the Committee, had called a meeting, no meeting had taken place.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the Committee appointed last year, with the addition of Dr. Burns, Mr. Esson, Mr. Wardrope and Mr. Gregg, Ministers; and Mr. Brodie, Mr. Heron and Mr. Blain, Elders, be requested to meet as soon as possible and prepare an explanatory note to be appended to the Formula, and report on an early day.

The Synod then took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Hamilton, in regard to Students signing the Confession of Faith before being employed as Catechists.

It was agreed to refer the Overture to the Committee on the Standards.

The Report of the Special Commission of Synod on the Caledonia case was given in by Dr Burns. On motion made and seconded, it was agreed without a vote to receive said Report. Mr. Esson dissented in his own name, and in the name of those who might adhere to him, for reasons to be given in.

The Synod then resumed consideration of the draft of the Bill for the Incorporation of Knox's College.

Clause third, which enacts the establishment of a College Council, to consist of all the permanent Professors, and twelve members to be appointed by the Synod, of whom six shall be ministers, and six elders or members in full communion, seven being a quorum for the transaction of business; two ministers, and two of the other assessors, elders or members of the Church to retire annually, who may, however, be re-elected by the Synod; the Senior Professor of Theology to be permanent President, was agreed to.

Clause fourth, which defines the powers and duties of the Council, was agreed to, with the exception that the salaries of the Professors shall be regulated by the Synod—not by the Council.

Clause fifth, which declares the College to be a Theological College, and gives power to confer Degrees in Divinity, and no other, was agreed to.

Clause sixth, which provides for the establishment of a Court, to be called the College Senate, or Professors' Court, was then taken into consideration.

It was moved by Mr. Macgregor, seconded by Mr. Bayne,—

That in addition to the regular Professors, the Synod appoint five Assessors, of whom three shall be ministers, and two elders or members of the Church, to sit and act with the Professors in the Professors' Court.

It was moved in amendment by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Smith,

That in the Professors' Court, the Professors shall be assisted by five Assessors, of whom three shall be ministers, to be named by the Synod, and by such honorary Professors as the Synod may see meet from time to time to name for particular departments.

The roll was called and the votes marked, when there voted for Mr. Macgregor's motion twenty-three, and for Dr. Burns' seventeen. The Synod accordingly resolved in terms of Mr. Macgregor's motion; from which Dr. Burns dissented in his own name, and in the name of those who may adhere to him, for reasons to be given in.

With this alteration, and the omission of the word "tutors," the clause was agreed to.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the Synod meet in Kingston, and within Chalmers' Church there, on the second Wednesday of June, 1852.

The diet was then closed with the blessing.

SESSION VIII.

KINGSTON, *Saturday, June 7th*, 1851.
9½ *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met according to adjournment, and after the usual exercises, was constituted.

The Minutes of last session were read and sustained.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to, that when a vote is called for, the names of Ordained Missionaries standing on the Roll of any Presbytery shall not be called.

The Synod then resumed consideration of the draft of the Bill for the Incorporation of Knox's College.

Clause seventh, which gives power of Visitation to the Synod was agreed to.

Clause eighth, which refers to the manner in which the College property shall be held, was then taken up.

After reasoning, it was agreed to refer the clause to a Committee, consisting of Dr. Burns, Convener, Dr. Willis, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Bayne, Ministers, and Mr. Shaw, Mr. McMurrich and Mr. Burns, Elders,—the Committee to report on Monday forenoon.

The remaining clause was thereafter agreed to.

The Synod adjourned, to meet at four o'clock P. M., and the session was closed with the blessing.

SESSION XI.

KINGSTON, *Saturday, June 7th*, 1851.
4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met according to adjournment, and was constituted.

The Minutes of last session were read and sustained.

The Synod called for reports from the Presbyteries in regard to the Commission of the Synod. Reports were read from the Presbyteries of Montreal and Brockville, and verbal reports were given in on behalf of several other Presbyteries.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed that the Commission shall be continued, and that during the ensuing year there shall be one ordinary meeting of Commission, to be held at Toronto, on the third Wednesday of October, at noon.

The Synod then proceeded to take up the case of Mr. Porterfield, who had applied to be received as a Minister of this Church. Dr. Burns was heard in regard to this case; after which, the Synod having considered the special circumstances of the case, agreed to instruct the Presbytery of Hamilton to examine Mr. Porterfield in the ordinary branches, preliminary and theological, and report to the Commission, in October, whether they regard his qualifications such as would entitle him to be received as a Probationer of this Church. Should the report of the Presbytery of Hamilton be favourable, the Commission may grant leave to the Presbytery to receive him as a Minister of the Church,—it being understood that Mr. Porterfield, if received, shall be subjected to the usual trials before being inducted into any pastoral charge.

A report from the Committee, on the application of Mr. Stark, was given in and read.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed without a vote, that Mr. Stark be permitted to withdraw his application. From this decision Dr. Burns dissented, for reasons to be given in.

The Presbytery of Montreal laid before the Synod various papers relative to the case of Mr. McConechy, who had applied to the Presbytery to be reponed as a Minister of the Church.

The Synod appointed Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, and Mr. Gregg, a Committee to confer with the Presbytery of Montreal, in regard to this case, and report to the Synod.

The Synod adjourned, to meet in the evening, at seven o'clock, for devotional exercises, and on Monday Morning, at ten o'clock, for business.

Closed with the blessing.

SESSION X.

KINGSTON, *Saturday, June 7th*, 1851.
7 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mr. Reid, Mr. Lochead, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Durie.

Closed with the blessing.

SESSION XI.

KINGSTON, *Monday, June 9th*, 1851.
10 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met, according to adjournment, and was constituted.

After the usual religious exercises, the minutes of the afternoon session of Saturday were read and sustained.

A report was given in from the Committee on Bills and Overtures, which was received and sustained.

The Synod appointed a Committee on Synodical Collections, consisting of Mr. Gale, Convener, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Roger, Mr. Wardrope, Ministers, and Mr. Redpath, Mr. Durie, Mr. McMurrich, Dr. Dickson, and Mr. Brodie, Elders, instructing them to confer with the Committee on Finance before reporting.

A Report was called for, from the Committee on a Book of Discipline. No report was given in.

The Synod then took up an overture in regard to the employment of Students as Missionaries or Catechists.

The Synod sustained the overture, and agreed to instruct Presbyteries not to require the labours of Students in Divinity, in supplying vacant charges, more frequently than once in six weeks during the winter; and that only except in extreme cases, the senior Students be called on for such services.

The case of Mr. McAleese, who had applied for admission as a Probationer was taken up, and all the papers in the case read, when it appeared that the necessary inquiries had not been made by the Presbyteries of Perth and Kingston, within whose bounds Mr. McAleese had been labouring, though unknown to the Synod, for two or three years past, regarding his reasons for changing his church connexions, and the character and effects of his labours while within their bounds and under their inspection. The Synod

leave the matter in the hands of the Presbytery of Perth, or of any other Presbytery within whose bounds he may be residing, to begin *de novo* in the case, and follow out the rules of the Church, as duly settled by the Synod of 1847, and with regard to the petition of the people of Ramsay, presented to the Synod in connexion with the documents in Mr. McAleese's case, the Synod find it to be premature, and therefore, with the best wishes for the spiritual interests of the people of Ramsay, decline acceding to its prayer.

A report was given in by the Committee appointed to examine the Synod and Commission Records, and in accordance therewith, the Synod ordered the Records to be attested as carefully and correctly kept.

The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of London, reported that the minutes of last year's proceedings had not been engrossed in the Presbytery Book. An explanation having been given in regard to the Presbytery of London, the Synod agreed to enjoin the Presbytery to take immediate steps to have their minutes regularly engrossed.

Reports were given in on the Records of the Presbyteries of Hamilton, Toronto, Cobourg, Kingston, Brockville, Perth and Montreal, which were sustained, and in accordance therewith, the Synod directed the several records to be attested, which was accordingly done.

The Synod adjourned to meet for business at half-past four o'clock P. M.

Closed with the blessing.

SESSION XII.

KINGSTON, *Monday, June 9th*, 1851.
4½ o'clock, P. M.

The Synod met, according to adjournment, and was constituted.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

A reference from the Presbytery of Brockville in regard to Mr. Finlay was taken up, extracts from the Records of the Presbytery of Brockville were read and Mr. McMurray was heard in explanation of the reference.

On motion made and seconded, it was agreed to sustain the reference and instruct the Presbytery of Kingston, within whose bounds

it is understood that Mr. Finlay is now residing, to deal with him as to his position during the last year, inasmuch as from the statement before the Synod, there is the appearance of irregularity on his part, and a neglect of the due recognition of the authority of the Presbytery where he was at the time residing.

The Committee on the Standards gave in a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table for consideration to-morrow afternoon.

The Synod adjourned, to meet at seven o'clock, P. M.

Closed with the blessing.

SESSION XIII.

KINGSTON, *Monday, 9th June*, 1851.
7 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Gale, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, Dr. Burns, and Mr. King, severally delivered interesting addresses, on the importance and extent of the Home Mission field—the claims of the Red River settlement, in the North-West, and the spiritual condition of the Coloured population at Buxton, in the township of Raleigh.

The Synod thereafter adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at half-past nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SESSION XIV.

KINGSTON, *Tuesday*, 10*th June*, 1851,
9½ o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted.

The Minutes of last two sittings were read and sustained.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures gave in a report which was sustained.

Mr. Burns read the report of the Committee on the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*, which was approved of, and the thanks of the Synod tendered to the Committee, and especially to Mr. Burns, for his valuable services in conducting that periodical.

The Committee was re-appointed with the addition of Mr. Ure, Minister. In terms of the Report it was agreed to continue the *Record* in its present form, and to recommend to Presbyteries to take means for promoting its circulation throughout their bounds.

STATISTICS.

The Committee on Statistics, (Rev. W. Gregg, Convener,) reported that the Presbyteries of Montreal, Perth, and Cobourg had given in reports very fully and carefully drawn up.

Kingston and Hamilton Presbyteries sent similar returns, only one congregation in each having failed to report, viz., Brock-street Church, Kingston, and Knox's Church, Galt.

In the Presbytery of Toronto, three congregations had neglected to send returns, viz., Barrie, Caledon and Chinguacousy.

In the Presbytery of London, no returns appeared from North Easthope, Tuckersmith and Stratford.

In the Presbytery of Brockville, the congregation of Prescott alone reported. There were no returns from Brockville, Spencerville, and South Gower, nor any of the vacant congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The Synod sustained the report, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee, enjoined ministers and Congregations from whom no returns have been received, to forward such returns without delay, in order that a complete statistical table may be published in the *Record*.

Mr. Shaw, Convener of the Committee on Finance, gave in the report of that Committee, and of the Committee on Synodical collections. The same having been read, was unanimously adopted, and in terms thereof, the Synod appointed four Synodical Collections during the year, viz.: for

1. French Canadian Missionary Society, on 3rd Sabbath of July.
2. Ministers' Widows' Fund, on 3rd Sabbath of October.
3. Synod Fund, on 3rd Sabbath of January.
4. Foreign Missions, Free Church of Scotland, on 3rd Sabbath of April.

The Synod further enjoined Presbyteries to keep up efficiently the Presbyterial Home Mission Funds, and authorized the Synod's Home Mission Committee to assess upon the several Presbyteries such amounts as may be required for the proportion of agency expenses chargeable upon this department; and further instructed Presbyteries, that at the first meeting after the day appointed for any of the aforesaid collections, a statement shall be called for, as to whether the collection has been made in all the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery; and that in the event of no collection having been made in any case, the reason shall be asked, and the Presbytery shall record in their minutes whether or not they deem the reason satisfactory.

The Synod farther resolved that the accounts of the various schemes of the Church be closed henceforth on the 31st May.

An overture submitted by Mr. McMurray, in favour of a Central Missionary Fund, was rejected.

The Synod agreed to allow Mr. McLachlan to be inducted into a pastoral charge, without being required to labour a year in the Missionary field.

The Synod adjourned, to meet at 3, P. M.

Closed with prayer.

SESSION XV.

KINGSTON, *Tuesday*, 10*th June*, 1851,
3 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted.

The Minutes of last session were read and sustained.

The Synod agreed to allow Mr. Donald Fraser, A.M., to be inducted into a pastoral charge, without being required to labour a year in the Missionary field.

A report was given in by the Committee on the Widows' Fund. The Synod

Resolved—That the scheme should embrace the Children, as well as the Widows of deceased Ministers, and that the following scale of rates be adopted, viz.:—

1. Each Widow, per annum	£25	0	0
2. Each Child under 14, the Widow being alive	5	0	0
3. Each Child under 14, there being no Widow	10	0	0

With the understanding that the sum to be allowed each family shall not exceed £40 per annum, and that it be left to the discretion of the Committee of Management to fix, under this limitation, the actual amount which the funds of the scheme will allow; and that in case the Committee shall fix on a lower amount than £40, the distribution to Widows and Children shall be made in the above proportion.

It was further agreed that on the payment of the Harris Fund, amounting to about £260, into the hands of the Treasurer of the Widows' Fund, Mrs. Harris and all her children shall be placed on the fund, on the same footing as the Widows and Children of any other deceased Ministers.

The Synod also instructed the Committee to take such means as they may think best to diffuse information, and excite an interest in behalf of the scheme, and enjoined Presbyteries to take steps for promoting liberal contributions to the fund.

The report of the Committee on the Clergy Reserves and Rectories was called for, and given in by Dr. Burns, who read the same. It was moved and seconded,

That the report be received and adopted—that the Committee be re-appointed with additional names; and that they be instructed to adopt active and energetic measures for bringing the sentiments and feelings of the Church to bear on the Provincial and Imperial Legislatures, and that they otherways act in the premises according to the terms of the resolution of last year.

The following amendment was proposed by the Rev. John McMurray, seconded by Mr. James Breakenridge:

That inasmuch as the subject of the Clergy Reserves and Rectories is a political question, it would be unwise in this Church, *as a church*, to take any step in the matter, thus mixing itself up with the party politics now agitating the public mind of the Province.

The Roll was called and votes marked, when forty voted for Dr. Burns' motion, and two for Mr. McMurray's amendment. Dr. Burns' motion was declared to be carried, and the Synod resolved accordingly.

The following are the names of the members of Committee now named by the Synod:—

Dr. Burns, Convener, Dr. Willis, Professsor Esson, Mr. Gale, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Wightman, Mr. Young, Hamilton, Mr. Boyd, Markham, Ministers; Messrs. John Redpath, John Fisher, D. McLellan, Wm. Heron, John McMurrich, Jas. Shaw, John Burns, Elders.

Thereafter, the Synod adjourned, to meet at seven o'clock, P. M.

Closed with the blessing.

SESSION XVI.

KINGSTON, *Tuesday*, 10*th June*, 1851, 7 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted.

The minutes of last Session were read and sustained.

Mr. Rintoul, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the French Canadian Missionary Society, tendered their thanks for the interest

taken in that Mission by this Church, and gave some interesting statements in regard to the progress of the mission.

The Synod agreed to commend this interesting and important object to the prayers and liberality of the Church.

The Synod then took up an overture on the spiritual destitution of the country, and the expediency of applying for additional labourers from Scotland.

The Synod sustained the overture, and agreed to direct the Home Mission Committee to use their best efforts to carry out this object.

The report of the Committee on the Mission to the Coloured population, was given in and read by Mr. King. It was agreed to receive and approve of the report, and express the high sense entertained by the Synod of Mr. King's faithful and disinterested services in superintending the mission.

The Moderator accordingly tendered the thanks of the Synod to Mr. King.

The Synod resolved that henceforth the Mission to the Coloured population be under the charge of the Home Mission Committee, whose duty it shall be to provide and apportion the necessary funds for the Mission, by the assistance and co-operation of the various Presbyteries.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read by Dr. Burns, Convener, when it was unanimously agreed—

That the Report be received and approved of; and in respect at once to the vast importance to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the community of Sabbath sanctification, the need of greatly increased exertions for promoting this object, and the special encouragement found at present for labouring in this cause, as these have been detailed in the Report; the Synod renew the appointment of the Committee, with instructions to them to continue to direct their attention to the various forms of Sabbath desecration prevalent in the Province; and prosecute every competent measure for the removal of these; specially to call forth the sentiments of congregations in the way of petitioning the Legislature for the repression of Sabbath desecration in the Post Office and Canal departments, and also as they shall see fit to correspond and co-operate with the Associations happily formed in some of the principal cities of the Province, for promoting the sanctification of the Sabbath.

The Synod further, always recognizing that the Divine Word is the primary fountain of all just views respecting any branch of human obligation, recommend ministers to expound to their people from time to time the doctrine of Scripture respecting the privileges and obligations of the Lord's Day; and the Synod also recommend Sessions to be faithful and affectionate in applying the discipline of the Church, in any case in which the members of the Church may be found violating the Lord's Day or countenancing the violation of it.

The Committee is as follows:

Robt. F. Burns, Convener, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Gale, Mr. McGregor, Mr. Gordon, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Reid, Ministers; Dr. Dickson, Mr. Redpath, Mr. J. Shaw, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Keith, Mr. Gibson, Elders.

The Synod then took up an overture on the subject of slavery in the United States. The Overture was read and Dr. Willis heard in support of it. Thereafter, on motion made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted, viz :—

1. That the practice of Slavery, which denudes rational beings not merely of certain conventional privileges of society, but of the most essential natural rights, and reduces them to the level of chattels, to be so accounted of "to all intents and purposes whatever," is inhuman, unjust, and as dishonouring to the common Creator as it is replete with wrong to the subjects of such oppression.

2. That independently of all abstract questions as to the limits of power or the right of contract, it is manifest that no human law can be justified, which impiously pretends to relieve men of their responsibility to their Creator, by making the power of any earthly superior absolute over the persons and consciences of immortal beings, as is done in denying to the slave in large portions of the American Union, all the rights involved in personal responsibility to God; also, in substituting a permitted and irregular concubinage for God's ordinance of marriage, as is done by the laws of those states which render the sacred tie dependent on the will of masters or pretended proprietors in human beings; as is done likewise in dispensing with other sacred obligations, involved in the natural relationships of domestic life, as well as violating the most sacred affections and feelings.

3. That Christians and Churches, as witnesses for God and truth, are called on to testify against any system of human legislation in the community to which they belong, which obviously violates the commands of God; and that such faithful remonstrance with the civil powers is specially obligatory on professed expounders of the Word of God; and a large share of the responsibility and guilt involved in the effects of such legislation cannot fail to attach to silence and indifference upon questions so vitally affecting the salvation of immortal souls, as well as important temporal interests.

4. That this Synod disclaims any design of officious intermeddling, or spirit of censoriousness in respect of the conduct of individuals or communities not under its control; but would in the spirit of affectionate brotherhood, and in obedience to the demands of a common law and interest, which knows no territorial distinctions, bring any moral influence in its power to bear on the state of public sentiment, whether at home or abroad, so as to promote the advancement of sound principles, on questions extensively effecting the credit of our holy religion and the coming of the kingdom of Christ; believing that this sacred cause is obstructed by any appearance of alliance between religion and oppression, and by such misinterpretations of Scripture and the Christian law as worldly men will avail themselves of, to justify unrighteous and inhuman practices.

5. That this Synod will hold correspondence on this subject with such churches of the neighbouring Union as may be accessible to its communications, with the view of encouraging those who are labouring in a Christian spirit to redress this crying oppression, as well as of bringing to a conviction of error those who are otherwise minded, and that a Committee be appointed to correspond as above resolved, with churches so circumstanced, and in case of its appearing to the Committee useful or necessary to correspond with official parties, or with other organs of legitimate influence, who may be open to their enquiries or suggestions, so far as that can be done in an inoffensive and orderly manner: the Committee to be Dr. Burns, Mr. Wightman, Mr. Ure, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Gordon, Ministers; and Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Heron, Mr. Breakenridge and Mr. McRae.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet to-morrow at half past nine o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

SESSION XVII.

KINGSTON, *Wednesday, June 11th*, 1851,
9½ *o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted.

The Minutes of last session were read and sustained.

A report was given in by the Committee appointed to correspond with the Colonial Committee of the Free Church of Scotland, in regard to the salary of Mr. King.

The Report was sustained, and the Convener of the Home Mission Committee was instructed to send a communication on this subject, to the Convener of the Colonial Committee.

The Synod then took up the report of the Agency Committee, which was given in by Mr. Gale. The Synod having considered this report, and the reports of Presbyteries on the sustentation of the Ministry, *Resolved*,

1st. That there do not appear at present any grounds of encouragement for this Synod to renew the proposal of a scheme for the common support of the Ministry of this Church.

2nd. That this important subject be committed again to Presbyteries with an earnest recommendation that if they have not already done so, they forthwith take effectual steps to obtain regular periodical returns (quarterly, if possible) of the amounts of stipend paid to the several Ministers, together with annual returns of the number of members and stated adherents in each congregation within their bounds.

3rd. That for the more efficient management of this business, it is recommended that each Presbytery, at their first meeting after the close of Synod, nominate a Presbyterial Sustentation Board, consisting of seven members, residing at or near the Presbytery seat, not more than two of whom shall be Ministers, the rest being either Elders, Deacons, or members of the Church, together with a representative from each congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery, and that this Board, under the inspection of the Presbytery, shall be charged with the care and sustentation of the Ministry, and of seeing that the engagements of the congregations for the support of their Ministers be duly implemented, reporting their proceedings from time to time to the Presbytery.

4th. That the General Agency Committee be re-appointed, with instructions and authority to superintend and direct the services of the Agent of the Church, to correspond with Presbyteries, and the Presbyterial Boards aforesaid, in all matters pertaining to the sustentation of the Ministry, and the schemes of the Church, and to obtain from them full reports on all the points hereinbefore specified, as also with respect to the pecuniary support of the schemes of the Church generally.

5th. That the Agency Committee be instructed to continue to direct their special attention to the subject of the sustentation of the Ministry, and having due regard to the reports and suggestions which may be communicated to them as before provided, to mature their views on this subject, and to submit them to the Synod at its next meeting.

Agency Committee, the Moderator, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Young, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Wightman, Mr. Ure, Ministers; Mr. McMurrich, James Shaw, Mr. Spreull, Mr. Leask, Mr. John Kay, Mr. Fisher, Mr. McLellan, Mr. Brodie, John Laidlaw, Andrew McGlashan; Mr. Gale, Convener.

The Committee appointed to consider the case of Mr. McConechy, gave in a report.

The same was sustained, and the Synod instructed the Presbytery of Montreal to continue their judicious and vigilant supervision of the case, and report to the Synod next year. Dr. Willis to be associated in this matter with the Presbytery of Montreal.

The Synod took into consideration the report of the Committee on the Standards.

It was agreed to transmit the explanatory note prepared by the Committee to Presbyteries for their consideration, instructing them to report on the same before next meeting of Synod.

The Synod resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on the 8th clause of the Act for the Incorporation of Knox's College.

After reasoning, it was agreed to refer the matter to Presbyteries with instructions to them to take steps for obtaining the views of the congregations within their bounds as to the provisions for securing the property of Knox's College, and report before next meeting.

Reasons of dissent from the decision of the Synod in regard to the report of the Commission on the Caledonia case, were given in by Mr. Esson, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Quin, Ministers, and Mr. Duff, Elder.

The same were read and ordered to be entered in the Record of Dissents.

Reasons of Dissent from the same decision were given in by Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Scott.

The same were read, and ordered to be entered in the Record of Dissents.

Reasons of dissent from the decision of the Synod, on the sixth clause of the draft of the Act for Incorporating Knox's College were given in by Dr. Burns.

The same were read, and ordered to be entered in the Record of Dissents.

Reasons of Dissent from the decision of the Synod in regard to the case of Mr. Stark, were given in by Dr. Burns.

The same were read, and ordered to be entered into the Record of Dissents.

The Synod appointed the following Committee to superintend Knox's College during the current year, viz., Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Roger, Mr. R. Boyd, Mr. Wardrope, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Stark, Mr. Gale, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Rintoul, Ministers; and Mr. John Fraser, Mr. Davidson, Honourable M. Cameron, Honourable John McDonald, Dr. Dickson, Mr. John Burns, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Redpath, Mr. McMurrich, and Mr. Shaw; together with the Professors,—Dr. Willis, Convener.

Mr. Wardrope, in behalf of the Presbytery of Perth, took public protestation that an appeal from a sentence of that Presbytery, taken by Mr. W. Moorhead, had been fallen from, inasmuch as no papers had been lodged, and no person had appeared for the appeal; and farther, craved an extract of this minute, which the Synod granted.

The Synod took up an Overture on Popery, which was sustained, and the following Resolutions, submitted by Dr. Burns, were adopted:—

I. Regarding Popery as at once a system of Religious Error and Ecclesiastical Despotism, at war with the civil interests of mankind, we cannot but look with serious apprehension on every fresh effort put forth by its abettors to regain ascendancy in Protestant lands.

II. While we recognise no Head of the Church save the Lord Jesus Christ, and disown all claims to such headship on the part of any secular power as nugatory, we consider the late proceedings of the Pope, in regard to the establishment of a Hierarchy in Great Britain, as a direct assumption of Papal supremacy, and to be resisted by every constitutional means, on the part of a Protestant Government.

III. We are clearly of opinion that the dangers to be apprehended from the present aggressive movements of the Papacy, have been greatly encouraged by the endowment of Romish Colleges and Schools, and by the recognition of the titles of its dignitaries, both at Home and in the Colonies; as also by the widespread prevalence of Puseyite and Tractarian error.

IV. We enter our protest against the numerous incorporating acts in favour of Romish priests and churches, and the claims of the Romish Church to a restitution of the Jesuits' Estates, and against all countenance given by public authority to a system dangerous to the civil and religious interests of mankind.

V. We feel deeply humbled on account of the divisions in Churches called Protestant, and the measure of formality and worldly conformity that marks the administration of so many Christian Societies; and we call on our people to be very earnest in supplication and prayer, for a gracious effusion of the Holy Spirit, that truth may triumph over error, and that the beauty of holiness may ever rest on the Church of the living God.

VI. Lastly, we recommend to our Ministers and Missionaries, to take every opportunity of pointing out to their people the Errors of Popery, and of seeking to establish them in that truth which maketh wise unto salvation.

The Synod unanimously agreed to record their thanks to the Office-Bearers and Trustees of the Brock-street Church, Kingston, for the accommodation kindly afforded to the Synod during the present session; and, to the friends in Kingston, for the hospitality received by the Ministers and Elders during the present session.

The Synod appointed the following members as the Commission of Synod for the year, to meet at Toronto on the third Wednesday of October, viz. :—

The Moderator and Clerks of Synod, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McColl, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bayne, Mr. Stark, Mr. Young, Dr. Burns, Dr. Willis, Mr. Gale, Mr. Lowry, Mr. Roger, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Smith, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Burns, Mr. Smart, Mr. Geggie, Mr. McMurray, Mr. Wardrope, Mr.Gray, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Rintoul, Mr. Henry, Mr. Black, Ministers; and Mr. John Fraser, Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Davidson, Mr. McLellan, Mr. McMurrich, Mr. Clark, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Harstone, Mr. Brodie, Mr. McRae, Mr. Breakenridge, Mr. Emberson, Mr. Keith, Dr. Dickson, Honorable John McDonald, Mr. John Miller, Mr. Ralph Smith, Mr. Durie, Mr. Neil Stewart, Mr. Hettrick, Mr. Redpath, Dr. Maclagan.

The business of the Synod being now finished, the Moderator briefly addressed the brethren, and announced that the next ordinary meeting of Synod would be held in Kingston, and within Chalmers Church there, on the second Wednesday of June, 1852, at eleven o'clock A. M.

After prayer and singing the 133rd Psalm, the Synod was closed with the blessing.

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